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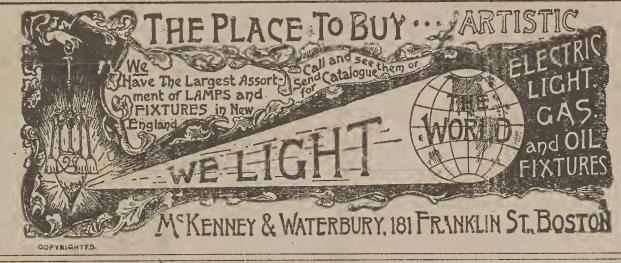


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TAKING UP "THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN,"

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BY

Martin Johnson.

Hezeklah Sharp Is in every sense of the word the unique character in Eas: Tilbury township. He is a recluse it some ways, and yet he cannot be prop erly called one, for he does not shur the companionship of his fellows, no. does he condemn the various conven tions of society which they are accus



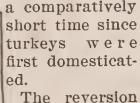
serve. He cele brates every hol iday with as much fervor as any of his neighbors and looks forward to Thanksgiving day as eagerly as any schoolboy in the countryside. He Hves in a little shanty near that belt of timber land

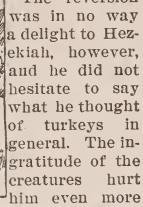
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HE NURSED THEM CARE-known as the FULLY. Ten Mile woods and makes a comfortable living by persistent hunting and desultory farming and poultry raising. He lives quite alone and always enjoys his Thanks. giving dinners in the same company.

Last spring he went into turkey raising on rather a large scale considering the limitations of his farm. The chicks gave him no end of trouble, but he nursed them carefully through the "pip" stage and other ills that young turkeys are heir to and succeeded in bringing through a comparatively large flock that suggested many future Thanksgivings.

But the proximity of the woods set the primeval blood tingling in the young chicks' veins, and they yearned for the liberty of bygone days-the days when their untamed progenitors wandered at will through the woods with a future that held not the slightest hint of Thanksgivings. In less than a week their wild nature had asserted itself, and the whole flock forsook the quiet of the farmyard for the liberty of the Ten Mile woods. It was "a reversion to type" that would have delighted Darwin and was not so very surprising in view of the fact that it is but



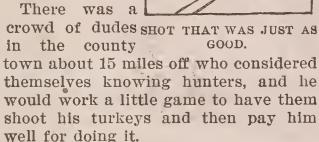


MADE THE FOREST RE- than the loss of them. To think that for months he had coaxed and coddled and spoon fed them until they were able to do for themselves and then they had turned from him like this! It was too much.

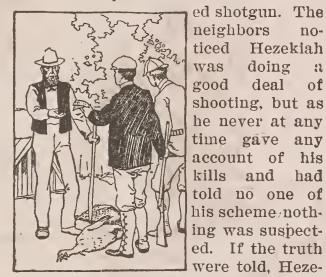
However, he determined to keep an eye on them, and, although they were as wild as hawks, he managed to catcl a glimpse of them every few days. Al hope of domesticating them was gone but, at any rate, they would be excel lent sport for the fall shooting, and he could sell them in the county town at a higher price than the tame birds.

The recreant flock, not knowing the designs that were harbored agains them, grew plump and fat on this wile life, and "many a time and oft" die Hezekiah hear their exultant gobble gobble, coming from the depths of the woods. One day, while listening to their cries of defiance, it dawned upor him that the ammunition he would have to buy before he could place his

birds on the market would eat into the profits, so he decided that some one else would have to put up expenses, the and as he was a man of some resources he soon hit upon a scheme for accomplishing his purpose.



He began operations the third week before Thanksgiving by spending four or five days hunting in the part of the woods remotest from his shanty. Every day he made the forest reverberate to the reports of his double barrel-



ticed Hezekiah was doing a good deal of shooting, but as he never at any time gave any account of his kills and had told no one of his scheme nothing was suspected. If the truth were told, Heze-

neighbors

CONSENTED TO TAKE FIVE kiah neither DOLLARS EACH. killed nor intended to kill anything that week. The only result of all his bluster and noise was that the turkeys shunned the far side of the woods and began to habitate that part nearest to his shanty. But this was just what Hezekiah wanted.

At the end of the week he drove to the county town and, going into the leading gunsmith's, asked for a couple of pounds of turkey shot.

"Why, that's something we're never asked for any more," said the gunsmith in surprise. "What are you going to do with it, Mr. Sharp?"

"Oh," replied Hezekiah in a careless sort of way, "there's a flock of wild turkeys drifted into the Ten Mile woods, and, as they've been coming round rather close to my shanty lately, I think I'll knock a few of them off."

Hezekiah got some shot that was "just as good" and returned home to await developments.

The following Monday morning he got up early, concealed himself in the woods and waited. It was not long till he heard a couple of shots close to where he knew the flock was feeding. He rushed over to the spot, gun in hand, and came upon two of the dude sportsmen joyfully comparing a couple of fine birds. He angrily accused them of shooting his fowls, and threatened to have them arrested.

"But," protested the two, "they're wild. We shot them in the woods."

"Shot them in the woods, did you?" yelled Hezekiah. "You're a smart set, ain't you? Come over here, and I'll show you the coops I raised them in."

There was nothing else to do. They went to the shanty, Hezekiah fuming all the way and vowing what he would do. There was no longer any doubt about the identity of the birds. The coops were there as a proof of it. Then the two offered to pay a dollar each for the turkeys, but Hezekiah would have none of their money. He would have the law on them and teach such know nothings a lesson about killing other people's turkeys. Finally he reluctantly consented to take \$5 each for the birds and say no more about it.

The two sports went back to town, not to warn others of the danger, but to boast of their prowess. True, they had paid well for their sport, but it was not their place to publish such a thing. Besides, there were some other fellows in town that they would like to see taken in.

Next day Hezekiah was kept busy holding up the unsuspecting crack shots from town. Each man paid his hush money and went home a poorer but a more enlightened hunter.

Every day the flock got thinner and thinner, and the old sock in Hezekiah's shanty grew more corpulent accordingly. Before the week was over the remnants of the flock hovered so close to the shanty that even a city hunter would not think of calling them wild.

Hezekiah now thinks that there is nothing on earth that will beat turkeys for making money, and this year his Thanksgiving will be one of unadulterated gratitude.

Everyday Love.

A group of little girls were telling of the love each felt for her mother. and as the testimony went on the strength of the statements grew, each child feeling obliged to surpass her mates. Finally one said positively, "I love my mother so much I would die for her." The impressiveness of this declaration subdued the circle. The climax had been reached. A wholesome turn was given to the situation by the quiet observation of a lady sitting near, "It seems very strange to me that a little girl who loves her mother enough to die for her doesn't love her enough to wash the dishes for her."-Congregationalist.

ANKSGIVING TIME AMONG THE INDIANS

AN IROQUOIS CUSTOM 'Işt'

BY ♦ SAM ♦ H. COON.

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With the first new moon after the corn is fairly ripe is celebrated the Indian Thanksgiving day, or harvest festival. It is particularly an Iroquois custom and is still observed by the now scattered and. depleted tribes of that once powerful confederacy known as the Six Nations, though not with all the rites and ceremonies that characterized its observance in the pristine days of the nation's greatness. It may be that the Indians think that they have not as much to be thankful for as they had in the old days, but still they are thankful.

Though differing in date and in the method of its announcement, the Indian Thanksgiving in September is observed in much the same spirit and manner as we observe our Thanksgiving in November. With them, as with us, there are thank efferings and prayers-paeans of praise, crude, it may be, but sincerefeasting, merrymaking and joy. Instead of families meeting separately for the Thanksgiving dinner, all the members of the tribe come together for a great feast at the council house.

At sunrise on the day of the feast the elders, or "keepers of the faith," light the "first fire," usually on some elevation near the council house. Upon the fire are placed leaves of tobacco and ears of corn as special offerings to the Great Spirit, and as the offerings are being burned his blessing is invoked upon the festivities. This fire is afterward extinguished and a new one built by the women who have charge of the public feast.

At an early hour the little clearing around the council house is filled with Indians, great and small, young and old, grave and gay. They come afoot, on horseback and in wagons and buckboards. The scene is a picturesque one. There are groups of young men testing their physical prowess in athletic feats and contests, bevies of young women and girls dressed in brightest colors, old men with tottering steps and elderly women with almost pathetic gayety slowly making their way to the council house, middle aged men pompous in the sense of their importance as lords of the feast and patient matrons busily preparing the corn soup and succotash, which is made in large iron kettles suspended over a glowing log fire, suggestive of cheer and com-

Suddenly there is a hush in the conversation. The young men and boys stop their games, and a general movement of the assemblage toward the council house gives notice that the Thanksgiving ceremonies are about to begin. The women enter one door and are seated on one side of the hall, while the men enter another door and are seated on the opposite side, the musicians, with their turtle shell rattles, and the dancers, bedecked in paint and feathers, having already taken their places on the benches appropriated for them. When quiet prevails—and there is no congregation of people who remain so quiet and attentive as an assembly of Indians at a religious gathering—the "head speaker" begins the ceremonies with an

invocation to the Great Spirit, the men, with uncovered heads, bowing reverently (the Indian never kneels) and the women looking solemn and serious as the speaker in low but distinct voice renders his prayer of praise and thanksgiving, which doubtless breathes a spirit of thankfulness as acceptable to the Deity as the prayers that fall from more cultured lips in more elaborate sanctuaries.

The Thanksgiving prayer is followed by exhortations by the "head speaker" and other wise men of the tribe, and then come the green corn dance and the great feather dance, accompanied by the "music" of the turtle shell rattles. These are a part of the religious services and are attended with the same spirit of devotion as the other ceremonies. They are performed by men especially chosen for the purpose, and it is regarded as a great distinction to be selected as a dancer for

the Thanksgiving festival.

With the conclusion of the dances comes the feast, which is decidedly informal and lasts nearly all the afternoon. Before it begins the "head speaker" thanks the Giver of the feast, and all respond with an expression which corresponds to the good Methodist "amen." Instead of the turkey which forms so conspicuous a part in our Thanksgiving menu, the Indians have the fat dog, roasted on a spit and by no means unpalatable. The raccoon, that wily enemy of the ripening corn, is usually a part of the bill of fare, while other game-venison, bear or wild boar—is introduced when obtainable. When there is no game to be had, as is frequently the case in these latter days, when the white man has appropriated the red man's hunting ground, a lamb, calf or pig supplements the fat dog and raccoon. The principal dish is succotash—green corn and beans cooked together in iron kettles-which. by the way, is an original Indian dish. There are also green corn roasted on the cob, baked squash and corn bread very much like the good old Rhode Island johnnycake. On the whole, it is not a bad Thanksgiving dinner.

In the afternoon there are games of lacrosse, foot races, wrestling, jumping and other athletic sports corresponding to the tournaments and games which characterize the observance of the Thanksgiving day of their paleface brothers.

At night a great bonfire is built not far from the council house. Near it and



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lighted by its glowing blaze is a dancing pavilion, where the young people enjoy themselves, while their elders, seated around the blazing logs, smoke their pipes of peace and recount the stories and traditions of their tribe and tell over and again of the greatness and glories of the Six Nations.

Thus passes the Indians' Thanksgiving day, and thus in all sincerity is expressed the Indians' gratitude to the Great Spirit for the return of the harvests.

THANKSGIVING AT RED HILL.

How Big Ben's Scheme For a Little Celebration Failed.



HERE were 200 miners of us at Red Hill, and, though times were hard and provisions scarce, we had laid ourselves out for something extra on Thanksgiving. On the forenoon of that day, as we were loafing around and waiting for dinner, humpbacked,

lonesome looking

stranger came into camp and asked for hospitality. Big Ben, our foreman, looked him over for awhile and then observed:

"Stranger, ye don't seem to be much of a critter as critters go out here."

"That's what I've come to realize," replied the man. "I was a critter with other critters a y'ar ago, but luck has gone back on me."

"No money and no claim, eh?"

"Not a thing."

"And how do ye expect to pan out?" continued the foreman as he tried to hide a smile of satisfaction.

"I don't expect to. When Meave here, I'll probably hang myself along the trail. I'm ready to die, and I don't keer how soon the calamity comes."

"Them's noble sentiments of yours, stranger, and they do ye proud. Ye must hev had a good father?"

"Yes, purty fa'r."

"He's dead, of course, and, bein ve are

a lovin son, it's only natural ye'd like to jine him?"

"Yes, I sartinly would. He was powerful fond of me. Hev ye got a scheme on hand?"

"Waal, I was thinkin," replied Big Ben "if ye ain't no critter among critters, it would be a heap more pleasant fur ye to jine your father."

"That's true, that's true. Hev ye any suggestions to throw out?"

"I hev, stranger. Why not let us hang ye here and thus make a holiday out of it? The boys need cheerin up the worst way, and I'll guarantee ye'll jine the old man in tiptop shape."

"That's a bully idea!" exclaimed the man. "Yes, it's a good plan, and I only ask fur one thing. I understand ye've got a big spread fur today. Lemme sit down and fill up, and ye kin hang me all ye want to arterwards."

"Ye shall hev the best we've got and as much as ye kin hold," said the elated foreman as he shook hands with the stranger. "I took ye to be a no account critter, but I was mistook. Ye are a squar' man."

Half an hour later, when the newcomer had eaten enough to satisfy any three



"DO YE HAPPEN TO KNOW WHICH PLACE THE OLD MAN IS IN?"

men, he borrowed tobacco and the best pipe in camp and then turned to the foreman and said:

"Say, pard, I jest happened to think of sunthin. When a feller dies, he goes to one of two places. Do ye happen to know which place the old man is in?"

"but ye've eaten like a hawg, and ye'll hev to take chances on that."

"Not much I won't, pard. I'm here and ready to be hung, but I'm not goin to take any chances of missin my dad, who's gone before. I'm as ready to jine him in one place as another, but I want to hit the right trail."

The foreman stormed and threatened, but the stranger proved to be a kicker. He was sorry to disappoint the crowd and all that, but really he could assist at no hanging unless he could be assured of a family reunion in the land beyond. The point was argued for half an hour, but he was firm. Of course we had to get even for the Thanksgiving dinner. He was turned over to a committee of eight, who booted him eight times apiece, but as the last one was through swinging his leg the stranger struck up a merry whistle and started off down the trail for Injun Bend.

And he took a good Thanksgiving dinner and the foreman's pipe with him.

A. B. Lewis.

Napoleon's "Dog Teeth."
"In the world's history," said a Buffalo man, "there are three characters who in the popular mind stand pre-em-

inent—Alexander the Great, Cæsar and Napoleon. Napoleon lived so near our own time as to be almost within the memory of living men, and there are plenty of men today in France who heard of Napoleon from their fathers, who lived in the stirring times connected with his name.

"There is a curious fact in connection with Napoleon's personal appearance that I have never been able to find mention of in any of the biographies, and that is that two upper front teeth were very long and lapped over the lower ones to an unusual extent, giving him a most peculiar appearance when smiling. These teeth-the two upper incisors, on either side of the mesial plane-ordinarily form a line that meets with the corresponding teeth in the lower jaw, but in Napoleon's case they overlapped. This information came to my father directly from the son of Napoleon's dentist, who made a memorandum of the fact." -New York Tribune.

The Wrong Way.

There was once a queer little hen.
She'd fly in a tree, and right then
On a branch she would lay
Her one egg every day,
This good little, queer little hen.

'Twas a strange thing to do, I must say— Lay an egg in a tree every day.

And what good was the egg,

Just tell me, I beg,

That fell from the tree in that way?

Some people do things just as queer.

I know it; I've seen it, my dear.

They have a good thought,

But it comes just to naught.

From the wrong place they drop it, my dear.

There's a lesson for you and for me
From the hen that laid eggs in a tree!

If we do a right thing,

If a good thought we bring,

Let's choose the right place, you and me.



I wanted some laughing urchin to carve
Me into the form of r man,
That, taken for one of the rarer race,
I might get a-past the cook on my face—
'Tis only such mortals who can.



But here must I languish, deep in the dough,
And simmer and sizzle and die.
No! I have a future beyond the pan.
I yet will get "into the form of a man,"
For here he comes now for the pie.
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Mr. Fly's Feet.

Do you know that a common house fly is one of the most wonderful creatures in the world? If he were only big enough for you to see the strange manner in which his feet alone are made, you would think him far more wonderful than even the elephant, with his long trunk. His feet are padded and have queer hooks and thousands of tiny hairs. From the roots of the hairs comes a fluid that keeps the pads moist, so that he can hold on well when climbing on the glass of the window or on the ceiling. There are two of the hooks on each foot, and these are sharp and curved. You have often felt a stinging pain when a fly lit upon your hand and another when he let go and flew away. That fly did not sting or bite you. He only jabbed those sharp hooks into your flesh so that he reald hold on tightly. The hurt comes when he tears them out.

The Merry Onion.

I'm a small Bermuda onion; I'm the pearl of all the sea; In my shining silver doublet I'm as happy as can be. Oh, I envy not the berry That beside me richly grows Or the violet or lily, The carnation or the rose! Oh, I shimmer in the sunshine, And I feel a joyous thrill As the purple pinioned zephyrs Flutter round me with a will! Yea, I ripple with a rapture Till I feel about as big As the aureated pumpkin That enchants the piggywig. And I sing, and very proudly, Till my spirit bursts with glee; I'm a small Bermuda onion, But the pearl of all the sea.

A Cavalry Charge.

In a cavalry charge, especially when the firing is at long range, it is practically impossible for the enemy to aim at so small a figure as a human being with any certain chance of hitting him. And so, the horse presenting the larger target, the list of casualties among horses, under the circumstances, is naturally greater than among men. At Talavera 290 horses were killed and 240 men, while at the famous charge of the Light brigade at Balaklava the losses among horses were 360 and among men 280.

Insane Sense.

Among the inmates of a certain insane asylum were two who were considered perfectly harmless and not without a certain modicum of common sense. These two were generally employed in the garden and were frequently left without supervision.

An opportunity offering, they planned between themselves at attempt to

"Now, bend down, Tom," said Jack as the two conspirators came to the wall surrounding the grounds; "then I'll climb up your shoulder to the top, and when I'm up I'll be able to give you a hand."

Tom accordingly bent down, and Jack, with a little difficulty, managed to gain the top of the wall, where, instead of assisting his friend, he disappeared on the other side and, as he was making off, shouted:

"Well, I think, Jack, you'll be better to stay on another fortnight yet. You're not nearly cured!"

Rebuking the Doctor.

Doctor (weary with unsuccessful efforts to cure patient)—Well, I've just one more remedy to try in your case, and if this doesn't help you nothing will.

Patient-Why didn't you frankly tell me that in the first place, doctor? If nothing will help me, I could have taken that at the start and saved the expense of your attentions. - Boston Transcript.

Odd Burtais.

Not long ago there died in a north London suburb a lady who wished to be buried in the bedstead in which she had lain continuously for nearly a quarter of a century prior to her decease, and to insure, as she thought, her wishes being respected she left a plump contingent legacy to a relative. As the bedstead in question, however, was of the old "four post" variety, and an unusually massive specimen at that, the cemetery authorities objected. Eventually a compromise was effected. The bedstead was taken to pieces, and from the timber so obtained a sort of box coffin was constructed for the reception of the remains.

It is, however, among the mining population that instances of funeral eccentricity are most common. Jack Hustler, a coal hewer of Tong, near Leeds, who died the other day at the age of 67, was buried in a coffin constructed to his own specification 20 years ago. It was made of pitch pine, with silver handles, and the lid was hinged at one end. The deceased was buried with a lump of coal which he had carefully preserved for years. It served as his pillow, and his tobacco and pipe also found a place beside him. This latter custom is said to be very prevalent among the coal miners. The tin miners of Cornwall almost invariably include an umbrella among the coffin "furniture."

It would be interesting to learn the origin and significance of this strange use.—London Express.

The Dogwood Tree



Little Dolly one day on her way to school Stopped under a tree so shady and cool, But she screamed with surprise At two ugly black eyes, And when she looked closer she found it to be A terribly savage old degwood tree.

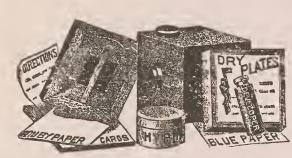
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My 7, 3, 4, 2 is the outer skin of a fruit.

My 7, 1, 2 is a color.

My 5, 6, 4 is something to eat.

My 9, 3, 4, 2 is a beautiful wild creature.

My 9, 1, 4 is the female bird. My 4, 3, 8, 1, 7 is a river in Africa.

No. 9.—Boats of Many Kinds.

Different kinds of boats are suggested by the following:

Behold a gallant fleet indeed! Pray guess what they can be.

The first's the swiftest craft that sails, Though ne'er afloat is she.

The next appears as fleecy clouds In summer skies above, And weapons sharp the third conceals

Beneath a velvet glove. The shipwrecked man on desert isle

The fourth would gladly see, And in the fifth e'en gentle folks Live for economy.

Handle the dangerous sixth with care. The seventh with meats we use.

And if with dynamite you play The eighth you're like to lose. The ninth most college boys aspire To do both well and fast.

The tenth's a guide through dangerous

And brings to port at last.

No. 10.—Charades.

My first would seek to borrow, were he dead; My last is showered on the newly wed; My whole was loved by him who told the story Of hell and paradise and purgatory.

My first is company. My second shuns company. My third assembles company.

My whole amuses company.

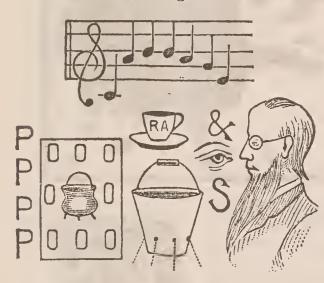
My first is the whole; So is my second, and also my whole.

Dear is my first when stormy nights draw

But 'tis my second makes my first more dear. My whole with prudent care my first pre-

And thus to be my second well deserves.

No. 11.—In the Vegetable Garden.



No. 12.—Single Acrostic.

A celebrated navigator who lived in the fifteenth century. He made many great and important discoveries in the new world. 1. A fine fabric first made at a city in

France, from which it takes its name. 2. A tree in which a king took refuge

after a battle in which he was defeated.

3. Full of perplexing turnings.

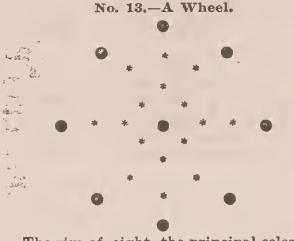
4. A division of Ireland; an outer garment.

5. A planet; a medicine.

6. A mound of earth; a place for keep-

7. Two islands of the Hebrides called North and South.

8. A town in England; a group of islands in the Pacific ocean.



The rim of eight, the principal celestial circle. The first spoke of four, a large lake; the second, "anxiety;" the third, a Christian grace; the fourth, "unemployed;" the fifth, a kind of tree; the sixth, a priceless possession, the property of all; the seventh, "an island;" the eighth, "condition." All the spokes read toward the hub.

No. 14.—Subtractions.

Example: Take 50 from a girdle and leave a wager. Answer, be-1-t, bet. The subtracted letter is not always in the middle of a word.

1. Subtract 500 from to pull and leave uncooked.

2. Subtract 50 from a product of barley

and leave a rug. 3. Subtract 1,000 from something al-

ways served at dinner and leave to corrode. 4. Subtract 50 from a handle and leave to strike.

5. Subtract 5 from to exist and leave a false statement.

6. Subtract 50 from a peculiarity of speech and leave to drag.

7. Subtract 100 from a vehicle and leave dexterity.

Nail Gifts.

"Nail gifts" are white specks on the finger nails, which, according to their respective situations, are believed to predict certain events, as indicted in the following couplet, which is repeated while touching the thumb and each finger in succession:

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A lover to come, a journey to go. Sometimes the augury is expressed in positive terms, as:

> A gift on the thumb is sure to come; A gift on the finger is sure to linger.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 1.—Charade: In-sup-port-able. No. 2.—Illustrated Rebuses: 1. Two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one. 2. He who loves money more than honor will rate it above honesty. 3. The newspaper, silent as snowflakes, but potent as thunder.

No. 3.—A Rhyming Puzzle: 1. Few. 2. Mew. 3. Crew. 4. Rue. 5. Blue. 6. Yew. 7. View. 8. Dew. 9. Hue. 10. Loo. 11. Rue. 12. Two. 13. Lou. 14. Woo. 15. True.

No. 4.—A Puzzle of the Zodiac: 1. Taurus. 2. Aries. 3. Leo. 4. Capricornus. TALC.

No. 5.—Decapitation: Spine, pine. No. 6.—Riddles: Because it is in the

midst of water. Cast-a-net.

No. 7.—Transposition: Steals, tassel. Angle, glean.

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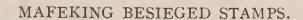
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P to the present time no less than 19 varieties of Mafeking Besieged stamps have been listed by collectors. This number includes not only the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, and the British Bechuanalands all surcharged, but three locals which were made by a process never before used, we believe, in the manufacture of stamps. The 1p depicts a boy on a bicycle; the other two are 3p stamps representing Colonel Baden-Pewell with name and value in scrolls. These three stamps are merely photographic blue prints, printed from negatives in sheets of 12. The paper was manufactured in Mafeking during the siege, and the stamps were evidently gotten up in a hurry. They are all blue in color and upon blue paper.

It is said that all the stamps of the regular issue are being counterfeited and that the majority on the market are of the latter kind. For this reason some collectors refuse to buy any Mafeking stamps whatever. Others believe the issue to be purely speculative and the genuine stamps little or no better than the counterfeits. A third class go wild over the stamps, (excuse the phrase) and will spend almost any sum for a specimen they do not already possess. We are glad to say that this precipitous class of philatelists live mostly upon another continent, and that Americans are, as a rule, level headed enough to abstain from investing large sums in stamps unless the real chracter of the same have been unquestionably determined beforehand. As in the case of the Great Barrier Pigeon Post stamps it will take time to solve the mystery which at present enshrouds the much-talked-of labels from South Africa, and give them their true philatelic value.

It has been a standing question with philatelists as to the meaning of the Y½ surcharge of Cuba, some believing the "Y" to stand for "and" making the stamp 2½ reals in value. Mr. J. M. Andreini, otherwise known as "Iberius," has undoubtedly settled the question, to the satisfaction of every intelligent collector, by the publication of a long article proving by the aid of official documents that the stamp is a ½ real local issued in 1855 for the city of Havana.

During the past year 815 new varieties of stamps have been issued by the different governments of the world. There are said to be now 14.626 known varieties of stamps in existence, Great Britain and her colonies furnishing no less than 4,201, or about 2-7ths of the entire number.

A new variety of the 8c 1892 Canada has been discovered. Two shades, lilac gray and slate, are listed in the catalogue, but the new specimen is entirely different in color being nearly purple black.

The postal department of Victoria has become a rival to the dealer in cancelled postage stamps by offering to sell used stamps for collections. The department will sell a set of Victoria postage and postage due stamps of all denominations, from ½d to 20s, including post cards, stamped envelopes, and newspaper wrappers, for \$5.00. The full set, up to £100, cost \$25.00. The stamps will be

cancelled either by light postmark or by being marked "Specimen," as the purchaser may desire. We doubt if the sale of these stamps will be large, for collectors object to the word "Specimen" upon any stamp, and seldom buy the cancelled-to-order kind when they know that the stamps have never done postal duty, as the false postmark would seem to indicate.

The set of Orcha stamps previously chronicled in several papers, and said to be for the use of the Indian native state of Tikamgarh, are now looked upon as decided swindles.

Few collectors ever heard of the three small islands at the northwest of Jamaica known as the Caymen Islands and owned by Great Britain. This possession has been supplied with stamps, only two varieties, a 1/2p and 1p, having as yet been seen.

The U.S. section of advanced sheets of the 1901 catalogue have been sent to subscribers, and the second installment, containing foreign stamps from countries whose initial letter is in the first part of the alphabet, is about ready for delivery. Few changes are to be noted in the price of the general issues of U.S., but the old documentary revenues have taken a rise as well as a number of the private proprietaries of all issues. Some of the cheaper varieties have been advanced 200 per cent.

Two new specimens have arrived from Perak. Both are of the tiger type, as shown in the engraving, one being a provisional issue, Ic on 2c, violet and brown; the other, a regular issue 4c value.



A new version of the reported change of color and design of the present issue U. S. documentary revenues has been put in circulation this week which rather contradicts the one made by us last month. It is to the effect that the change is only to be in the high values, namely, from \$1 to \$50, although we cannot vouch for the truth of this statement at the present writing.

There is a steady demand for Guam stamps and dealers who have already secured a supply are selling them at a good profit. A complete set brings \$3.50, but it is only the Pacific coast dealers who are advertising sets at any price. The supply at present is not equal to the demand, and it is believed that there will be no more surcharges for the island, but that the regular issue of the U. S. will be used instead, as they are in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society is the largest state organization of its kind, with a membership of about 400, exceeding that of most of the national stamp societies which have been running longer and doing more blowing. At the last election held at Capital Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, a set of officers were chosen for the ensuing year which would do credit to any organized body, and all are men of wide philatelic experience, and several of them familiar to readers of the advertising columns of this and other papers. With such men as W. C. Estes for president, F. A. Stanbro vice pres., R. Betzer sales and exch. supt., J. Negreen auction manager, A. Whitmer counterfeit detector, and L. T. Brodstone secretary and treasurer, the society is sure to enjoy the coming year greater prosperity than ever before.

or long ago it was understood that the entire stock of Hawaiian remainders were destroyed by order of the government, no heed being taken of the extravagant offers made by Stanley Gibbons and others to buy up the lot rather than see them incinerated. The latest report is that one of our large San Francisco dealers has just sailed to Honolulu for the purpose of closing up a deal which involves Hawaiian stamps to the value of between \$10,000 and \$20,000. All issues, except the missionaries, are included in the lot, and we are led by this to believe that remainders still abound in the islands to the number of many thousand.

According to the latest edition of the English catalogue the price of very nearly all the stamps of the Orange Free State has been doubled, and in some cases made ten times as high as formerly. We may expect a corresponding rise in the next Scott catalogue not only in these stamps, but in many others of South Africa.

The postmaster general has approved all the designs for the set of Buffalo stamps, and work on the plates is now progressing rapidly.

If any collector wants a set of stamp-issuing islands with full monopoly of the right to make and sell stamps of the Danish West Indies, all he has to do is to write to Denmark about it, and offer not less than 5 million dollars which is about the price Denmark is expecting for the islands. She is still anxious to dispose of them, and if nobody makes a higher bid, Uncle Sam will probably purchase them.

The demand for revenues continues, and prices are advancing. The 50c present issue documentaries were selling last summer at about one-third of a cent each in 1,0co lots, and the dealer who supplied them is now willing to pay more than his selling price for the stamps and is not anxious to sell at an advance of 100 per cent over last summer's price. The \$3 documentary has been sold in wholesale lots for 2c each. Few dealers can now supply more than 10 copies and the price is from 8 to 10c each, wholesale. The \$30 documentary is selling for \$7 and the \$100 for \$12 and above.

Just as the rubbish heaps of Egypt and Asia Minor reveal to the archaeologist the hidden treasures of an early civilization—the jewels, sculptury, and early records which are priceless to the scholar and collector of ancient relics, so does the waste-paper heap often reveal to the philatelist specimens which no money can buy. Mr. Chambers, a Michigan collector, found a cancelled \$500 revenue one day while looking over the waste turned in at a paper mill.

A new carrier stamp, bearing every mark of genuineness, has been discovered by Mr. Z. Mathieu. Around a type-set border is the inscription, in small letters, "Hopedale Penny Post," after the style employed in the days of the carrier stamps. No catalogue mentions such a variety, and the stamp, if authentic, is a decided rarity.

A revolutionary tax stamp was sold at aucition the other day in New York for \$50.

In South Africa a full set of genuine Mefeking stamps cannot be bought for less than \$200.

The new set of Dominican Republic stamps were made by a bank note company in New York, and this concern will sell unused specimens to philatelists to save them the trouble of sending to the Dominican Republic for the stamps.

A "Catalogue of the Stamps, Envelopes, and Wrappers of the United States and Confederate States of America," by Henry Collin and Henry L. Calman, with the collaboration of Messrs. John N. Luff and George L. Toppan, has been published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., N. Y. The work, consisting of 206 pages, bound in cloth, is more especially designed for the advanced collector and specialist. The price, \$3, is not extravagant, considering the expense of the book.

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INTEREST in stamps in far off countries is often such as to put to shame the enthusiasm displayed by collectors in our own country, and even by

those who live in New York and other large cities. At the second exhibition of stamps held by the Philatelic Society of Victoria a few months ago no less than 1000 visitors were in attendance on a single day. The postmaster and other government officials contributed to the exhibition to help make it a success. We wonder if any society in New York could do as well as that.

The W. U. Telegraph frank for 1900 is out, printed in red violet and of the same design as the previous issues. Few collectors know the real use of the telegraph franks. They are used by various telegraph companies for distribution among railroad officials, merchants and friends, and are used by them for social correspondence, but never for business purposes. They are usually given to parties whom the company feels under obligations to, such as those who patronize liberally the company in the course of business.

We received a letter, the other day, mailed from New York, containing a U. S. postage stamp surcharged Philippines. Porto Rico surcharges have also been used in this country. One large New York firm uses the above stamps on all their correspondence. Should anyone attempt to use the new Cuban stamps on a letter mailed in this country, however, we doubt if the post office would let it pass in payment of the postage on the letter; but it is different in the case of the stamps of the U. S. colonies.

A communication was recently sent from the Canadian post office department to Washington, asking for official information as to whether the Philippines were subject to the domestic postal rates as applying to this country, or, in other words, if the islands were regarded as U. S. territory, and the reply was in the affirmative. Accordingly the Canadian postal authorities issued a notification to all

postinasters that on and after Oct. 1st, 1900, the domestic rate would apply to Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, and the American islands of the Samoan group. It is a pleasure to see the two governments working together so harmoniously in all matters relating to the postal service.

The sale of "Hinton's Hints on Stamp Collecting," which was published in London a few years ogo, has been so large that a second edition was found necessary, and the latter has just been put on sale. To the beginner it is one of the most useful books ever published, and although it is called by the author the A B C of Philately it furnishes a lot of information for the advanced collector as well. Its articles on the manufacture of stamps and the way to distinguish the difference between engraved, lithographed and letter press impressions, also its tables of money values, remainders, reprints, etc., are very useful to one interested a little or a great deal in stamps.

A series of booklets are being published by the Stamp & Coin Exchange of N. Y., of which two titles have already appeared, both deserving special mention as giving reliable and thoroughly up-to-date information regarding the market value of U. S. coins. One quotes the selling prices of all U. S. coins; the other the buying prices of all of the above worth more than face value.

The annual report of the 3d assistant postmaster for the fiscal year will show that no less than 5½ billion stamps and cards were issued during the 12 months, ending June 30, an increase of 400 million over last year.



For the Italian offices in the Levant the current 25c (blue) stamp of Italy has been surcharged in red "I piastra."

The colors of some of the stamps of Tunis are to be

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